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TASHUA AND LONG HILL.

Constable Berger arrested eight men Sunday morning that he found living in woods north of Beardsley park in the town of Trumbull. The men were cooking breakfast in a large kettle and it was found they cut down trees and used people's rail fences for fuel and they admitted they had been injuring and destroying property and were armed with guns and sent to jail by Justice Elbert Nichols of Trumbull where the case was tried Sunday afternoon.

Relatives and friends here have received invitations to the marriage of Miss Florence Bettrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dickinson of Woodbridge, to Roland Ellsworth Bettrick of New Haven, Saturday evening, December 15, at 7:30 o'clock at the Woodbridge Congregational church, Woodbridge, Conn.

Miss Emma Linley of Nichols has been transferred from the Daniels Farm school to Tashua school and is boarding at the home of Franklin Mallette.

John Schaefer of Bridgeport has taken the mail route No. 52 in place of Theodore Crane, who resigned after seven years of faithful service. This route covers 29 miles and is a very hard route to most of it is on crossroads and very hilly.

The Tashua Knitting club was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Mallette, Tuesday evening.

Selectionman Randall has the appointment as explosive licensing agent for the town of Trumbull. The act prohibits the sale, storage, use or possession of explosives without a license from this agent.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles N. Gallup have moved into their new home and vacated their other place on the Long

HILL street.

Mrs. Dworzak has gone on a visit to her daughter who is very ill at a sanitarium in New York.

Mrs. Richard Schmitt spent the week end in Danbury with relatives. Miss Fannie Schmitt and friends attended the Hippodrome in New York last Saturday.

The Misses Ruth Jones and Mildred Peck, who have positions in Bridgeport, spent the week end with their parents in Tashua.

Miss Dorothy M. Seeley is spending the week in Bridgeport.

ANNE THICKNESSE

Anne Thicknesse was born in the Temple in London in the year 1737. Her beauty and talents early gained her an entrance into the world of fashion. She was an accomplished musician. When she was quite young she gave three concerts and this talent enabled her to support herself when she left her father's house in order to avoid being forced into marriage contrary to her will. One of her patrons was Lady Betty Thicknesse, who took the young artist into her home. On the death of her patroness she married governor Thicknesse, whom she accompanied on various journeys. One of these she died. This was in 1792. While in France after the death of her husband, she narrowly escaped execution at the hands of Robespierre, who had given orders that she must die by the guillotine. With great difficulty she was liberated, and returned immediately to England, where she remained until her death in 1824.

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DUNLOP SAYS OIL PLAYS BIG PART WINNING WAR

Urging workmen to save their "big war wages," the following interesting statement was given out by Robert W. Dunlop, a well known financier:

"Hundreds of thousands of workmen have, in the last two years, earned more money than they ever dreamed of possessing. Many of them are living and acting on the assumption that their abnormal income will go on indefinitely. Flushed with large bank-rolls few of them stop to think that this war will end some day, and their large earnings will automatically cease. No man can tell what after-the-war conditions will be. Competent financiers and economists, however, agree that competition will be much keener than ever before, and that the readjustment from artificial prosperity and high wages to normal peace levels will entail considerable hardship to workmen and certain classes of capital.

"The time to save is when it is possible to save. In the workmen's fat years he should prepare for the lean years that are bound to come. Thousands of workmen have allowed their expenditures to keep pace with their inflated incomes, and when the war is over they will have nothing left but the memory of the big wages during the war. The wisdom of making a careful investment from surplus earnings during this period of plenty insures a lasting benefit to those who are wise. Among wise investors oil stocks have taken supremacy, as oil is now the third industry in this country, and after the war is over, there will be a still greater demand. Truly, no wheel turns without oil.

"The Macedonian cry that comes from the East and Europe is 'oil and more oil'. In France gasoline is now selling at \$1.29 a gallon and fetches \$3 a gallon in Greece. Chairman Bedford says that 55,000,000 barrels of gasoline will be needed in 1918, while the Bureau of Mines says only 49,000,000 barrels can be produced. Oil will win this war. The thing that is running short is crude oil, over 3,000,000 barrels a month, and the producers are straining every nerve to speed up production."

AMERICAN NEGRO ENTERTAINERS DELIGHT FRENCH

Though they bewail the lack of chickens in the backyards of the French—and on their menu—the members of a regiment of American negro stevedores in France have danced and sung their way into the hearts of the French population in the port where they are stationed. Warmheartedly they are already planning a show for the benefit of a fund for the French wounded.

Telling of their work and play and thoughts, Howard Kahn, in an article sent to the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. speaks of them as the "War's Minstrel Show." In spite of their strange surroundings, he says, they carry on their work as usual. They shuffle the same dances, and sing the same plantation melodies as at home.

They have no use for the Senegalese "French niggers" they call them—because they wear monkey caps, and have rings in their ears and "don't talk sense." The native wit and constant good humor of these stevedores have made them a joy and delight to the officers and men who come in contact with them. Moreover, they are living up to the best traditions of the American negro.

Writing from a port in France, Mr. Kahn says: "It's against the rules to mention names when you write about enlisted men of the American Expeditionary Forces, but even the hardest-hearted censor will admit that no military secret is divulged in this interview with Mr. Sylvester Bogus Johnson, of Nashville, Tennessee, a member of a regiment of negro stevedores.

"Mr. Johnson was standing on the dock looking over an expanse of salt water such as he had never seen at Nashville. He started the conversation without any preamble from me. 'Man, M!' he said, 'Christoph Columbus suah must of had some guts!'

"'You don't like the ocean, then?' 'Not me, boss, I'se pale from mah trip yet. I'se been an American all mah life. But unless this yere Atlantic ocean freezes ovah and somebody builds a railroad back to Tennessee, I'se a European fo' life.'

"'Parlez-vous francais?' I inquired. 'No sah, stevedore,' he replied. 'What's your particular objection to the ocean?'

"'The scenery is rotten,' Sylvester explained. 'And I couldn't keep nothin' in my stomach except a life-preserver!'

"'Get plenty to eat here?' 'Yes, sah. Uncle Sam feed us all right. But chickens is mighty scarce. I ain't had no chicken since I landed. I ain't even seen no chicken walkin' around nobody's back yard.'

"'Have you made many friends over here?' 'Boss, these French niggers ain't no good. I saw one today with rings in his eahs. I asks him fo' a cigarette and he jes' walks away. I done heah him say somethin' but it didn't have no meanin'. They jes' little red monkey hats and they is wash plum ignorant.'

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"'Maybe he was a Senegalese? 'I don't ca'e what he was. He's just a plum no 'count nigger. I'se seen 'em ovah heah with whisksahs. But they couldn't speak the English language so you could understand it a-tall. Plum ignorant. That's what I says.'

"'If you had to do it over again, would you enlist?'

"'Boss, when I made my mark on dat enlistment papah, no one tol' me about all that watah in this Atlantic ocean. If they had, I'd still be in Nashville, Tennessee, U. S. A.'

"'Sylvester Bogus Johnson was somewhat more pessimistic than most of his dusky colleagues. It isn't at all hard to imagine that one is visiting a lower Mississippi river landing in the southern part of the United States as one sees these negroes in long single file carry box after box of provisions for Uncle Sam's men from the big steamers. They sing the same plantation melodies, shoot the same 'bones' and shuffle the same darky dances.

"'Their attire is almost as picturesque as that of the Senegalese, to whom Mr. Johnson objected to so strongly. They wear the uniforms formerly issued to the army before the khaki was adopted. Those who were fortunate enough to draw the old style light blue artillery overcoat with

long cape and scarlet lining were particularly well satisfied. The negroes are comfortably housed in barracks near the docks. Their rations are the same as those issued to the fighting men and while their discipline is not so strict, the hours of duty and routine are much the same.

"The American Y. M. C. A. plans to look after their social welfare in just the same manner that it cares for the white soldiers. A hut for the use of the stevedores is being constructed. It is to have electric lights, a moving picture machine, a piano and facilities for writing. A negro secretary, a college man, will co-operate with the white secretaries in providing amusement and recreation for the men. He has announced that he will write letters for all who are unable to write themselves.

"The negroes already are planning a show for the benefit of a fund for French wounded. It will be staged as soon as the hut is completed. American officers and men at this port are speaking for tickets, for it is known that there is much real darky talent in the stevedore regiment."

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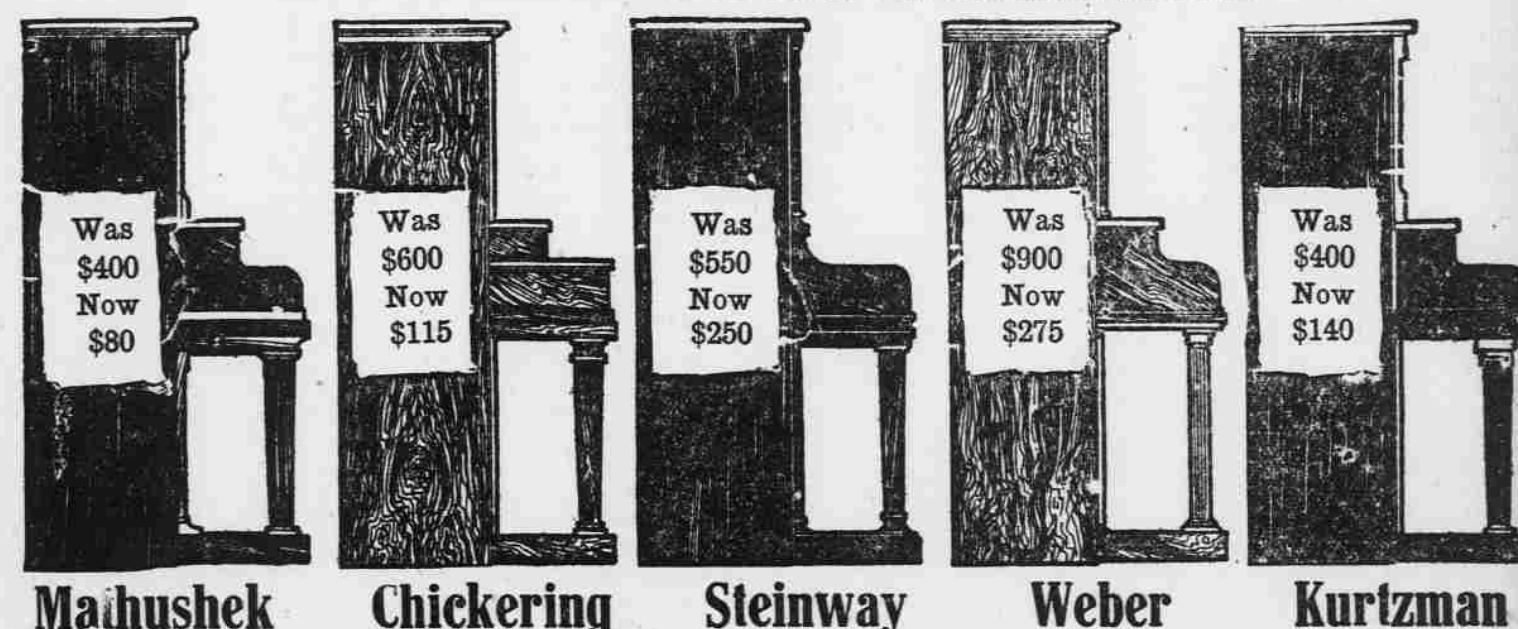
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SHORTAGE CLAIM NOT EXCUSE FOR PRICE BOOSTING

Many people believe that the idea of food shortage is largely imaginary. They think it is promoted by food speculators, middlemen and trusts, to excuse and to conceal their exorbitant prices. A most deplorable selfishness and lack of patriotism has been shown among these elements, which are constantly enriching themselves while poor people go hungry, and the government's war work is hampered.

But when you look at the cold figures of production and consumption, increase of population, and stationary or declining supplies, it is impossible to deny that a scarcity exists. While attempting to curb the speculators, we must not forget the law of supply and demand, and make every effort to increase supply.

It is not sufficient that there should be barely enough food to supply the people. There needs at all times to be an ample margin, else

the speculators can corner the market and force the public to pay extortionate prices.

Much could be done by better systems of marketing. Storage plants are needed in country districts and cities, better terminal facilities, side tracks and convenient means of unloading and loading systems of motor trucks for collection and delivery. Such systems cost a great deal of money. With the world shortage of capital, it is not clear where these funds are to come from.

Many people believe the farmer is getting rich at present prices. Yet when he has paid twice as much as formerly for labor and machinery and three times as much for seed, his profit seems to be largely on paper. The highly developed farm should make money. But there are millions of little fellows that are still struggling along. We need more food producers. Young men of foresight are responding to the opportunity, but they can't expect any bonanza under present conditions.

Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, said the expenditures of the British empire each day during the war was \$38,870,000.

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